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### Proposed Amendment to the PFA Rule Relating to Pesticide Tolerance Limits

**Report Categories:**

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**Report Highlights:**

On April 20, 2009, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare published a draft gazette notification under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA) for comments and suggestions from stakeholders within sixty days. The amendment proposes additional pesticide tolerance levels for various agricultural products, including crops of export interest to the United States such as apples, grapes, soybeans and wheat.

**General Information:**

**Introduction:** This report summarizes a proposed draft amendment to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules framed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), 1954, which sets new or additional pesticide tolerance limits for several agricultural food products, including apples, grapes, wheat, soybeans, tomato, potatoes, etc.

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the

regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

**Type of Regulation:** Draft

**Important Dates:**

- **Publication Date:** April 20, 2009
- **Final Date for receiving Comments:** June 19, 2009
- **WTO Notification Date:** Not yet notified

**Comments/suggestions should be addressed to:**

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**Products Affected:**

Apple, grapes, soybeans, wheat, rice, tomato, cottonseed oil, potato, chilies, mango, egg plant, tea, mustard seed, cauliflower, pigeon pea, okra, peanut, peanut oil.

**Agency in Charge:** Department of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India (GOI)

**Proposed Changes:**

**NOTIFICATION (Text as published, attached on pages 6-10)**

The full text version of the PFA Act and Rules can be accessed from:

<http://mohfw.nic.in/pfa%20acts%20and%20rules.pdf>

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